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SUBJ: DEA NAHA OFFICE SPACE

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SUMMARY: DEA HEADQUARTERS REPORTS A DEPT DECISION THAT DEA MUST RELOCATE ITS OFFICES OFF-BASE. THIS MAY REFLECT MISUNDERSTANDING AND WOULD CAUSE SERIOUS OPERATING PROBLEMS. RECOMMEND RECONSIDERATION. END SUMMARY.

1. REF A REPORTED A DEPT DECISION, OF WHICH WE ARE UNAWARE, THAT THE DEA MUST RELOCATE ITS OFFICE TO COMMERCIAL SPACE ASAP. REF A

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MAY REFLECT CONFUSION CAUSED INADVERTENTLY IN OUR MESSAGES CONCERNING NEW OFFICE SPACE FOR THE CONSULATE GENERAL.

2. THE DEA AGENT IS ASSIGNED TO THE CONSULATE GENERAL WHICH IS OFFICIALLY HIS OFFICE AND WHICH IS RECOGNIZED AS SUCH BY THE GOJ. ALTHOUGH AT PRESENT HE DOES NOT ACTUALLY HAVE SEPARATE OFFICE SPACE AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL, WE BELIEVE THAT THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENT PROVIDES A BASIS FOR ASSERTING THAT THE OFFICIAL DEA OFFICE IS NOT RPT NOT ON BASE. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THIS MIGHT BE A RATHER THIN ARGUMENT AND IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT WE RECOMMENDED ALLOCATING ONE OFFICE FOR THE DEA AGENT IN OUR PROPOSED NEW OFFICE SPACE.

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WHEREEVER LOCATED OFFICIALLY HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT A CONTINUA-

TION OF HIS PRESENT OPERATING PRACTICE IS ESSENTIAL TO THE EFFECTIVE EXECUTION OF DRUG ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES.

3. ESSENTIALLY THE DEA AGENT OPERATES IN SUPPORT OF MILITARY DRUG ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES FROM A SMALL BUILDING NEAR USARBCO HEAD-QUARTERS. THE BUILDING PROVIDES WORKING SPACE FOR MILITARY AGENTS, FOR GOJ AND PREFECTURAL LIAISON OFFICIALS AND FOR THE DEA AGENT. THIS IS AN EXCELLENT WORKING ARRANGEMENT WHICH HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF COORDINATED ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES. THE ARRANGEMENT PROVIDES SECURITY AND PRIVACY WHICH WOULD BE DIFFICULT

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IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO DUPLICATE OFF-BASE. OFF-BASE SPACE FOR THE ENTIRE OPERATION WOULD BE VERY EXPENSIVE AND THERE WOULD BE SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN INTEGRATING MILITARY ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES INTO AN OFF-BASE OPERATIONS CENTER.

4. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THE CONTINUATION OF THE PRESENT PATTERN OF OPERATIONS WHICH HAS WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT OF U.S. MILITARY COMMANDERS. ITS ONE POSSIBLE SOFT SPOT IS THE LACK OF AN ACTUAL OFF-BASE OFFICE FOR THE DEA AGENT AND FOR THIS REASON WE RECOMMEND ALLOCATION OF AN OFFICE FOR THE DEA AGENT IN OUR PROPOSED NEW OFFICE.

5. THIS MESSAGE COORDINATED WITH SAIC CASEY AND RESPONDS TO REF A.

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